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Planning and Development Committee  
Room 2100, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB 5507

Dear Members of the Planning and Development Committee,

I am Chief of the Danbury Fire Department. I am writing this to advise that I do not support the striking of line 63-64. The "just cause" as stated in line 63-64 is critical in preventing political whims from adversely impacting the offices of local fire marshals. Fire Marshals must operate beyond the political realm to be effective in ensuring public safety. Therefore I cannot support this bill as written. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Geoffrey R. Herald  
Fire Chief